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**RE: Petition for Revival.....Abandoned Unintentionally**

Application 09/583,336 Inventor: William Reeves

Filing Date: 5/31/2000

Dear Ms. Flanagan,

9/3/03

via fax- 703-308-6916

I would like to request your aid in clarifying a matter regarding this application 09/583,336 and in expediting my Petition for Revival.....Abandoned Unintentionally.

Attached is Petition for Revival which was filed by registered mail and received by your office on 6/20/03. Also attached is a letter dated 8/19/03 from Steven Meyers, Special Programs Examiner which is "Decision on Peition to withdraw the Holding of Abandonment." I spoke with Steve Myers today and he informed me that his letter has nothing to do with my Petition to Revive filed 6/20/03. Mr. Meyers stated that his dismissal letter of 8/19/03 is mutually exclusive of my 6/20/03 petition and that your office should be processing my 6/20/03 petition to revive as such.

What concerned me was the fact that I called the petition office this AM to get a status of my 6/20/03 Petition to Revive and the clerk stated "oh, that was dismissed on 8/19/03. I tired to explain to her that the two issues had nothing to do with each other, but since she only was going by "information she saw on her palm device" she had no other way of knowing what was going on." It seems like most people in the patent office take information on their palm device as gospel, even though most of the time it is either incorrect or outdated.

Anyway, I would appreciate you sorting this out and ensuring my petition to revive is on track and will be acted on in an expeditious manner. This application is very important to our small business and I would like to ensure the petition will be granted so the patent will go back to the examiner for first office action.

Please call me at 203-288-1588 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Reeves, inventor

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In re Application of  
William F. Reeves  
Application No. 09/583,336  
Filed: May 31, 2000  
For: COMPUTER INSTRUMENTS AND  
EMERGENCY MONITORING DEVICES  
FOR RETRIEVING AND DISPLAYING  
STORED MEDICAL RECORDS FROM  
BODILY WORN DEVICES

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW THE  
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's communications filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on January 24, 2003, January 27, 2003, February 4, 2003 and June 4, 2003. These communications are being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. The delay in treating this petition is sincerely regretted.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record reveals that an Office action was mailed on June 21, 2002. Since a proper response was not filed before the expiration of the six-month statutory period for reply, the application is abandoned, although a Notice of abandonment has not yet been mailed.

A further review of the file record reveals that a petition for an extension of time was filed by facsimile on November 21, 2002. However, that petition was not granted since it did not include payment of the required fee. Another petition for an extension of time, along with a response to the June 21, 2002 Office action, was received on January 29, 2003. However, the fee submitted with the petition was insufficient for a 2 month extension of time and the response was received beyond the 6 month statutory period to respond. As of January 1, 2003, the required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is \$205. Applicant submitted a check for \$200. Furthermore, since the response was not received until January 29, 2003 and there was no Certificate of Mail or other valid evidence to accord the response an earlier filing date, the two month extension of time, even if submitted in the correct amount, would not have made the response timely. The response was received beyond the maximum extendible period of 6 months, the point at which the application became abandoned.

In the communication filed January 24, 2003, applicant argues that the petition for extension of time and payment of the required fee was mailed on about November 17,

2002. Included with the communication is a copy of the canceled check. Applicant argues that the canceled check shows a processing date of November 27, 2002. However, there is no record of the check having been received for the instant application. And, as stated above, even if the \$200. extension of time fee was credited on November 27, 2002, since the response was not received prior to the expiration of the 6 month statutory period (in this case December 23, 2002), no amount of fees would have prevented the application from becoming abandoned.

Since the response of January 29, 2003 did not include any valid evidence to accord a date earlier than the date of receipt in the USPTO, the application has been properly held as abandoned. For applicant's future use, attached to this decision is a guide to assist applicant in obtaining the earliest possible filing date and to protect that date should a response become lost.

Since applicant's petition to withdraw the Holding of Abandonment will not be granted applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) (unavoidable delay) or 37 CFR 1.137(b) (unintentional delay) as discussed below.

I. Unavoidable Delay.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(a) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may be met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute; (2) the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(I); and (3) an adequate showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable.

The showing requirement can be met by submission of statements of fact establishing that the delay in filing the reply was unavoidable. This includes a satisfactory showing that the cause of the delay resulting in failure to reply in a timely fashion to the Office action was unavoidable. Diligence during the time period between abandonment and filing of the petition to revive must also be shown.

As an alternative to filing a petition for unavoidable abandonment, a petition for revival of an application abandoned unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b) might be appropriate.

II Unintentional Delay.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may be met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute; (2) the petition fee required by 37

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CFR 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

The petition fee required by law for filing a petition under unavoidable standard is \$110. The fee for a petition under the unintentional standard is \$1,300. If applicant has, or can qualify as a "small entity" and does so prior to or together with the payment of the fee, the fee will be one-half of the amount indicated.

If not previously filed, the reply to the outstanding Office action must accompany the petition to revive.

The required items should be promptly submitted under a cover letter entitled "Petition to Revive".

Further correspondence with respect to a petition to revive should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

By Hand: Crystal Plaza 4, Suite 3C23  
2201 South Clark Place  
Arlington, VA 22202

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181."

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Steven N. Meyers, Special Programs Examiner  
Patent Technology Center 3600  
(703) 308-3868

snm/tpi: 8/13/03

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor: William Reeves

Application No.: 09/583,336

Art Unit: 3626

Filed: 05/31/2000

Examiner: Alex Kalinowski

Title: Computer Instruments *and* emergency....Attention: Office of Petitions  
Mail Stop Petition  
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Information at (703) 305-9282.The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a  
notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the  
expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus an extensions of time  
actually obtained.**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications  
filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**☒ Small entity-fee \$ 650.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))**2. Reply and/or fee**A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (Identify type of reply)☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_☐ is enclosed herewith.B. The issue fee of \$ 650☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_☒ is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the  
USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete,  
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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/83).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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6/17/03

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Signature

Telephone  
Number:

203-288-1588

William Reeves

Typed or printed name

PO Box 23

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Inventor: William Reeves

Date Filed: 5/31/2000

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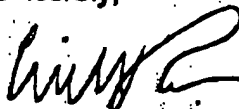
4. Terminal Disclaimer- Not applicable.

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William Reeves, inventor